

Surprise win for City

OXFORD City visit Wycombe Wanderers in the Rothmans Isthmian League Division One tonight (Tuesday) with refreshed confidence following a surprise 3-1 away win at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday (**writes Stuart Earp**).

Although Stortford have had their problems recently (including losing two of the best players, Tony Bass and John Still) Oxford's victory was still noteworthy. Before that, they had won only four of their 10 matches and were languishing near the foot of the table. Kevin Fagan was their hero, scoring once and laying on goals for Neil Hartigan and Steve Atherton.

Oxford have found scoring goals difficult this term and in league and cup games 14 of their 22 goals have come from midfield men and defenders. Their side is very much the same as last year with John Woodley, who played his 700th game for the club on Saturday, the top goalscorer with five.

Another stalwart is Eric Metcalfe, who is in his 14th season at the club. The newcomers are full-back Brendan Barr from Witney and Fagan from Bicester. Two former Wycombe players at Oxford last year — Bobby Marcham and Steve Freeman — have both left. Marcham now plays for Burnham in the Hellenic League.

Oxford's victories in the league so far have come against Kingstonian (away) 2-0, Slough (home) 1-0, Hendon (h) 1-0 and Hayes (a) 1-0. They

have been beaten by Leatherhead (h) 1-4, Woking (h) 1-3, Sutton (h) 0-4, Tooting (a) 1-2, Slough (a) 1-2, and Hendon (a) 1-2.

ROTHMANS Isthmian League

Division One

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Enfield | 14 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 24 | 11 | 34 |
| Ilford | 16 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 36 | 22 | 32 |
| L'head | 14 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 33 | 15 | 29 |
| Wycombe | 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 22 | 11 | 28 |
| Bishops | 16 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 27 | 20 | 28 |
| Sutton | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 14 | 25 |
| Clapton | 14 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 25 | 23 | 24 |
| Dag'ham | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 7 | 22 |
| Hendon | 18 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 23 | 29 | 22 |
| Tooting | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 11 | 21 |
| Dulwich | 15 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 21 | 20 | 21 |
| W'stow | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 24 | 20 | 20 |
| Barking | 14 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 23 | 18 | 19 |
| Slough | 15 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 17 | 22 | 16 |
| Oxford | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 18 | 15 |
| Woking | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 18 | 21 | 13 |
| Kings | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 18 | 13 |
| Hitchin | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 17 | 22 | 11 |
| Hayes | 15 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 14 | 28 | 10 |
| Walton | 15 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 14 | 39 | 10 |
| L'stone | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 16 | 9 |
| Bromley | 14 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 7 | 31 | 3 |

Division Two

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Staines | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 28 | 7 | 28 |
| Tilbury | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 28 | 16 | 26 |
| Harwich | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 25 | 15 | 26 |
| L'head | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 12 | 21 |
| Wok'ham | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 11 | 20 |
| Southall | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 14 | 20 |
| Horsham | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 7 | 19 |
| Chesham | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 11 | 19 |
| St Albans | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 11 | 18 |
| Harlow | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 17 | 17 |
| Croydon | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 16 | 21 | 14 |
| Car'ton | 14 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 16 | 28 | 14 |
| Hampton | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 15 | 13 |
| Casuals | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 13 | 24 | 13 |
| Finchley | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 23 | 13 |
| Hertford | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 23 | 11 |
| Aveley | 13 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 13 | 27 | 9 |
| Boreham | 10 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 21 | 8 |